

## CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF THE BUREAU OF NAVIGATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

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Mr. WALSH, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6874]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6874) to change the designation of the Bureau of Navigation of the Department of the Navy to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the bill is to change the designation of the Bureau of Navigation in the Navy Department to the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

The name "Bureau of Navigation" is no longer indicative of the functions performed by that Bureau. The Bureau of Navigation is essentially a personnel bureau and as such is charged with the procurement, training, education, and administration of all naval personnel.

By Executive order dated April 8, 1942, the cognizance of the duties and functions of the Hydrographic Office and the Naval Observatory were transferred from the Bureau of Navigation to the Chief of Naval Operations. The effect of this Executive order was to divest the Bureau of Navigation of those duties which did not pertain to personnel. Such duties were transferred to the office which properly should have cognizance of these matters.

The committee is of the opinion that the change in the designation of the Bureau of Navigation which would be provided by enactment of the bill is desirable and, accordingly, recommends its approval.

The bill was introduced at the request of the Navy Department and has been cleared by the Bureau of the Budget.

A letter from the Secretary of the Navy addressed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives is hereby made a part of this report.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, March 27, 1942.

Hon. SAM RAYBURN,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

MY DEAR MR. SPEAKER: There is transmitted herewith a draft of a proposed bill to change the designation of the Bureau of Navigation of the Department of the Navy to the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

The purpose of the proposed legislation is as stated in its title.

The proposed legislation is in accord with the conclusions and recommendations of the General Board of the Navy Department affecting the proposed organization of the Navy Department, as made in its report of December 5, 1939, to the Secretary of the Navy.

The enactment of such legislation would result in no increased cost to the Government.

The Navy Department recommends enactment of the proposed legislation.

The Navy Department has been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that there would be no objection to the submission of this proposed legislation to the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK KNOX.



Mr. Warren, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

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The name "Bureau of Navigation" is no longer indicative of the functions performed by that Bureau. The Bureau of Navigation is essentially a personnel bureau and as such is charged with the personnel, training, education, and administration of all naval personnel.

By Executive order dated April 2, 1927, the cognate duties and functions of the Hydrographic Office and the Naval Observatory were transferred from the Bureau of Navigation to the Chief of Naval Operations. The effect of this Executive order was to divert the Bureau of Navigation of those duties which did not pertain to personnel. Such duties were transferred to the other which properly should have cognate of these matters.

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